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Dear Census Partner:

One of the cornerstones of our Democracy is an accurate census. Data collected in the 2010 Census will be used to apportion Congress while helping communities across the Nation plan for services like schools, transportation, and health care. The U. S. Census Bureau is making preparations now to count every household in the United States and we cannot do it alone. We need the help of State and local governments to be successful.

Although the 2010 Census is 3 ½ years away, it is not too soon for state and local governments to begin planning activities to ensure a complete and accurate census. One of the lessons learned from the 2000 Census is that involvement of local governments in the process did make a difference in the final count.

We invite you to join us for a 2-hour meeting that will provide you an overview of the 2010 Census plans and activities. At the meeting, we will discuss ways state and local governments can be involved in ensuring we have a successful census. Topics include:

- \*2000 Successes/Lessons Learned
- \*2010 Census Overview and Timeline
- \*American Community Survey & Data Releases
- \*Complete Count Committees
- \*Local Update of Census Addresses & Geographic Programs

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2007** at the **State Capitol, Room 137, 1301 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT** from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** To confirm, please call Mark Hellfritz at the Census Bureau Regional Office in Denver at 303-264-0237 or email [mark.k.hellfritz@census.gov](mailto:mark.k.hellfritz@census.gov).

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Illian  
Regional Director

## **Census Bureau Meetings In Montana – Spring 2007**

### **2010 Census Informational Meeting**

Helena – May 8 (attached invitations mailed to all governments in Montana)

### **LUCA Promotional Workshops\***

Kalispell – May 9 (invitations mailed to select governments in area)

Missoula – May 10 (invitations mailed to select governments in area)

Glendive – May 23

Havre - June 5

Helena – June 6

Bozeman – June 7

Billings – June 8

\* Anyone may attend any of the LUCA Promotional Workshops. Currently we have mailed invitations to an 8 County area announcing the Kalispell and Missoula meetings. If you would like to attend either of these meetings and you did not receive an invitation, please call Mark Hellfritz at 303-264-0237. If you did receive an invitation, but one of the other upcoming meetings fits your schedule better, please call us and we will add to you to the future invitation list.